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## **NEW SHOREHAM RECEIVES GRANT FOR WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

**WASHINGTON, DC** – U.S. Senator Lincoln Chafee today announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture has awarded the Town of New Shoreham a grant of \$321,000 as well as a loan of \$109,000 for water and waste disposal. The funds will be used for cost overruns associated with the Town's water system improvement project. The terms of the loan are for 40 years, at 4.5 percent interest.

"I am pleased to hear of this support for New Shoreham's efforts to improve their water infrastructure," Senator Chafee said. "This grant and loan continues a trend of federal assistance for the revamping of New Shoreham's water system, and as Chairman of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works' Subcommittee on Fish, Wildlife, and Water I will continue to be an advocate for a clean and updated water infrastructure," he continued.

The award will be used to replace the existing six-inch water lines in the Town of New Shoreham with lines that are ten-inches in diameter. This will provide for an increased supply of water during the peak tourist season, as well as ample water for fire protection. Additionally, the new lines will "loop" the water system, which is an environmentally safe, efficient method of recycling rinse water for ultrasonic cleaning systems, spray systems and overflow rinse systems. The existing six-inch lines are inadequate to meet current and future water demands in the Town. Water and waste disposal loans and grants were also distributed to the town during fiscal years 2003 and 2004.

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